

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Riggs-Wilcoxon House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/60 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8  
C-10
4. Address: 8820 Huntmaster Road (formerly Blunt Road), Gaithersburg
5. Classification Summary
- |                    |                          |                           |   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category           | <u>building</u>          | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u>  |
| Ownership          | <u>private</u>           | Title and Date:           | <u>1976 Inventory of</u>                                  |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u>               |                           | <u>Historical Sites</u>                                   |
| Status             | <u>occupied</u>          |                           |   |
| Accessible         | <u>no</u>                | Federal                   | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>private residence</u> |                           |   |
6. Date: late 18th century 7. Original Owner:
8. Apparent Condition
- a. fair b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This simple three bay by one bay, two-and-a-half-story flemish and common bonded brick house faces south. The south porch has a half-hipped roof supported by four turned posts and enclosed by a simple wooden railing. There are six-over-six double-hung windows throughout the house. The gable roof is covered by raised seam metal roofing. There is a one-story lean-to addition with a shed roof on the north elevation.
10. Significance: This solidly-built brick house was constructed in the late 18th century, and appears to have been used as a tenant house for most of its lifetime.
- Part of the tract "Resurvey on Benjamin's Square", this property with improvements was sold by Lodowick and Forest Davis to Jeremiah Davis in the 1790s. Jeremiah sold the house with  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land to Evan Belt in 1797 and 20 years later Belt heirs sold it to Benjamin Lyon. Lyon did not live in the house himself, but had as his tenant through the mid-19th century, Miss Eliza Wilcoxon. The property was sold to Charles T. Hogan in 1877. Hogan was a blacksmith who may have lived in the house.
- Ledoux Elgee Riggs bought it in 1896. He and his wife Anna sold 180 acres including the house in 1907 to Charles and Rachel Beall. The Bealls lived there five years before selling it to William H. Fulks. Fulks rented the house to tenants for many years, and after his death in 1959 his heirs sold 289 acres to the present owner. Land from this large parcel is gradually being sold off, and the brick house is also waiting disposition.
1. Researcher and date researched: Marianne C. Peters-9/79 Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage:  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/60

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Riggs/Wilcoxon House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8820 Huntmaster Road (formerly Blunt Road)

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

☒ VICINITY OF Goshen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harold F. Hargett

Telephone #: 972-3124

STREET &amp; NUMBER

23701 Shiloh Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3772

Folio #: 505

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M: 14-60

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three bay by one bay, two-and-a-half story brick house faces south.

Built on fieldstone foundation, the house has Flemish-bonded brick on the south elevation and common bonded brick on the east and west elevation. The walls are 14"-15" thick. There is a two story lean-to addition on the north elevation; it is frame and covered by red brick asbestos siding, and has a cinderblock foundation. There is a porch on the south elevation with a half hipped roof supported by four turned posts and enclosed by a simple wooden railing. The south (front) door is wooden paneled. On the west elevation there is an enclosed entry with a shed roof. The west door is wooden paneled.

The house has six-over-six double-hung windows. There are two gabled six-over-three double-hung dormer windows on the south elevation.

The gable roof is covered by raised seam metal roofing. There are east and west interior gable end brick chimneys. The north lean-to addition has an exterior stove chimney.

Inside, there are two rooms each floor of the main (original) house. The fireplaces in the first and second floor rooms (one in each room) have been closed, and those in the first floor rooms are flanked by built-in small wooden cupboards. The rear addition contains a large kitchen beneath a large bedroom.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 18th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This solidly-built brick house was constructed in the late 18th century, and appears to have been used as a tenant house for most of its lifetime.

The property is part of the tract "Resurvey on Benjamin's Square", and in the late 18th century was owned by the Davis family. Lodowick Davis, who helped organize the Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church, and Forest Davis each sold their shares in 42 acres of land, with improvements, to Jeremiah Davis in the 1790s.<sup>1</sup> Jeremiah in turn sold the house with only  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land to Evan Belt in 1797 for 184 pounds current money.<sup>2</sup> Evan Belt sold the property two years later to John Belt for the same amount,<sup>3</sup> and in 1817 Belt's heirs sold it to Benjamin Lyon for only 100 pounds.<sup>4</sup>

Lyon did not live in the house himself, but had as his tenant through the mid-19th century Miss Eliza Wilcoxon, to whom he left a life estate and tenancy at his death.<sup>5</sup> The property then went to his heirs, who sold it in 1877 to Charles T. Hogan.<sup>6</sup> Hogan was a blacksmith and may have lived in the house, for his name appears on the 1878 Atlas. By that time an additional  $3\frac{5}{8}$ ths acres had been added to the original  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres.

When the property came on the market in 1896 as a result of a default in a mortgage, Remus D. Riggs, a local farmer to whom the mortgage had been assigned, sold it to his son Ledoux Elgee Riggs.<sup>7</sup> In the Montgomery Advocate advertisement for the "Assignee's Sale of Mortgaged Property", it is described as being:

located near the village of Goshen,....It is improved by a three story brick DWELLING HOUSE containing nine rooms; stable, ice house, corn crib and all necessary outbuildings. It has also on it a never failing spring of excellent water, and a fine young apple orchard.<sup>8</sup>

The elder Riggs owned a great deal of land in the Goshen area, and gradually conveyed it to his son Ledoux and daughter Mary R. Pumphrey;<sup>9</sup> thus, the  $4\frac{1}{4}$  acres on which the brick tenant house was located was incorporated into the larger holdings of Ledoux Elgee Riggs.

L.E. Riggs and his wife Anna sold 180 acres of this land, including the house, in 1907 to Charles and Rachel Beall,<sup>10</sup> who lived on the land for five years before selling it to William H. Fulks.<sup>11</sup> Fulks rented the house to tenants for many years, and after his death in 1959 his heirs sold 289.2692 acres with the house to the present owner. Land from this large parcel is gradually being sold off, and the brick house is also awaiting disposition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Continued on Attachment Sheet A

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Orphans Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Maps: Martenet & Bond (1865); Hopkins Atlas (1878).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marianne C. Peters

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., E466 (December 17, 1793); G413 (February 10, 1797).
2. Ibid., G430 (February 11, 1797).
3. Ibid., H395 (January 25, 1799).
4. Ibid., U7 (June 29, 1817).
5. Will Records of Montgomery County, HH1/400.
6. Land Records, op. cit., EBP17/13 (August 7, 1877).
7. Ibid., JA55/212 (October 16, 1896).
8. Montgomery Advocate, August 1896.
9. Ibid., TD17/195 (May 31, 1901); TD24/303 (December 19, 1902); 194/207 (June 17, 1907).
10. Ibid., 194/209 (June 17, 1907).
11. Ibid., 230/159 (September 30, 1912).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Riggs-Wilcoxon House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8820 Blunt Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Harold Hargett (Tenant: Bradshaw)					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Boyd			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, brick structure with a three bay, main (south) facade. The central doorway with a four-light transom is flanked by 6/6 double hung sash. There are two dormers with 6/3 double hung sash. At either end there are flush gable chimneys. The cornice consists of three courses of projecting brick. Across the front is a porch with turned posts.

West of the house is a barn.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Aboriginal</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 12 July 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

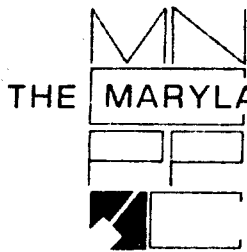
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 12, 1984

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JUN 14 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development  
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection  
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office  
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

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I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr  
Enclosure

- Associated with the Pearre family, early agriculturalists and prominent citizens of upper Montgomery County.
- Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting of approximately 6.7 acres to include the main house, the log dairy, the corn crib, and bank barn as features representative of the historic farmstead.

14/41 Goshen Mennonite Church (p. 10)

- 1870 -- Unique brick structure, based on a design by Washington architect, Walter West, and built by master builder S. G. Henseley.
- Site of one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal Churches in Montgomery County.
- The parcel includes, in addition to the church building, a cemetery and semi-circular tree-shaded drive with wrought iron entrance gates, all of which contribute to the churchyard setting. The entire parcel should, therefore, be retained as the environmental setting.

14/59 Fertile Meadows (p. 10)

- Fine example of a late 18th century County farmhouse with a "distinctive southern Maryland flavor."
- Associated for nearly a century with the Riggs family, prominent businessmen and farmers in Montgomery County.
- An appropriate setting should include the main house, the log meat house and corn crib, plus sufficient land to protect the complex from future development.

14/60 Riggs/Wilcoxon House (p. 10)

- Late 18th century, simple Federal style farmhouse with Flemish bond brickwork.
- Example of typical tenant farmhouse once found throughout the County.

15/65 Waters Gift (p. 11)

- Mid-18th century altered log farmhouse.
- Associated with the Waters family, early settlers of the northeastern part of the County.

22/17 Flint Hill II (p. 12)

- Early 19th century log and frame farmhouse.
- Associated with the Bowie family, a prominent family in Montgomery County and Maryland history.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 8/25/82

ACTION TAKEN

8/25/82.....Sites recommended for inclusion in  
Chapter 4 of the Master Plan

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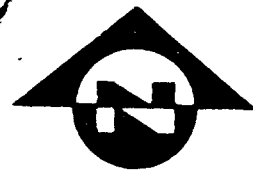
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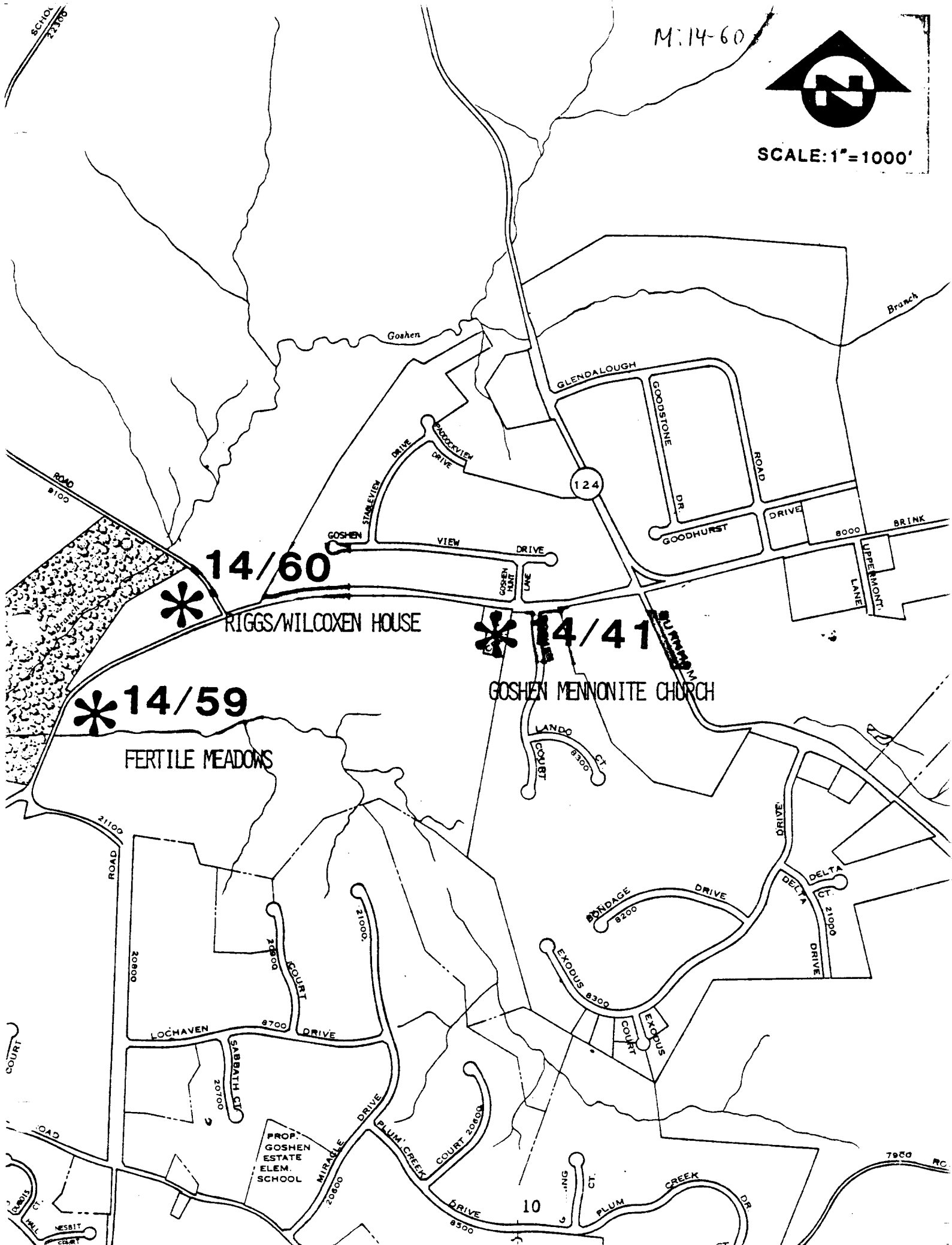
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SCALE: 1"=1000'











NAME #.14-60 RIGGS-WILCOXEN HOUSE  
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LOCATION RTE 420 + BLUNT RD., GOSHEN, MD  
FACADE S.E.  
PHOTO TAKEN 7/12/74 M. DWYER